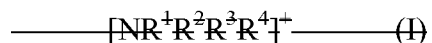


AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

1. An ionic liquid comprising:

at least one ~~anion represented by $[\text{BF}_3(\text{C}_n\text{F}_{2n+1})]^-$ wherein n represents 1, 2, 3 or 4; and~~
at least one ~~organic ammonium ion represented by general formula (I):~~

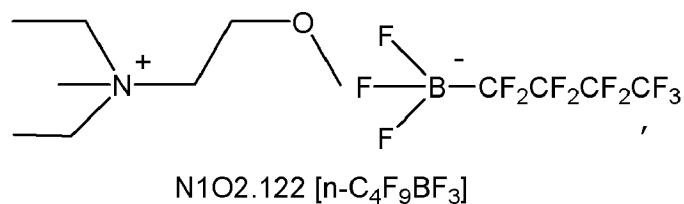
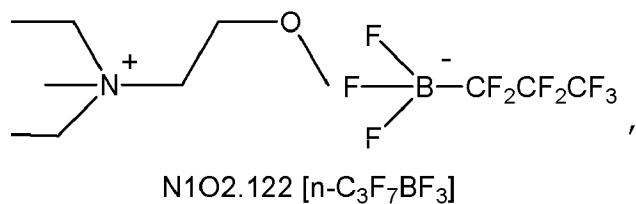
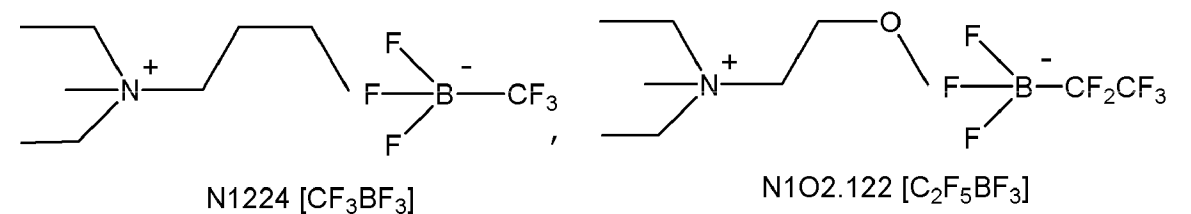
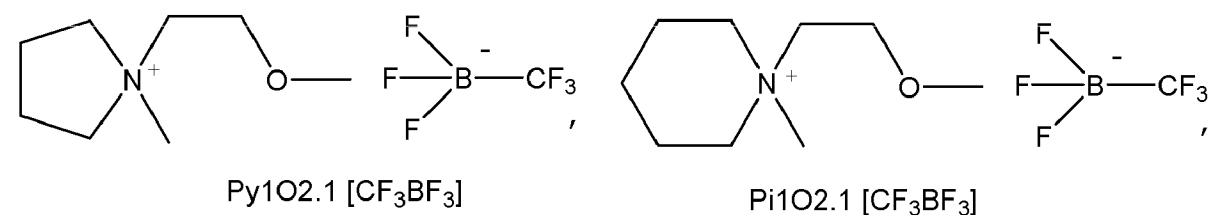
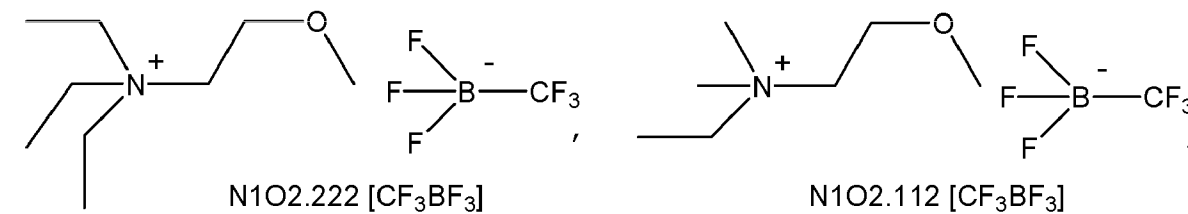
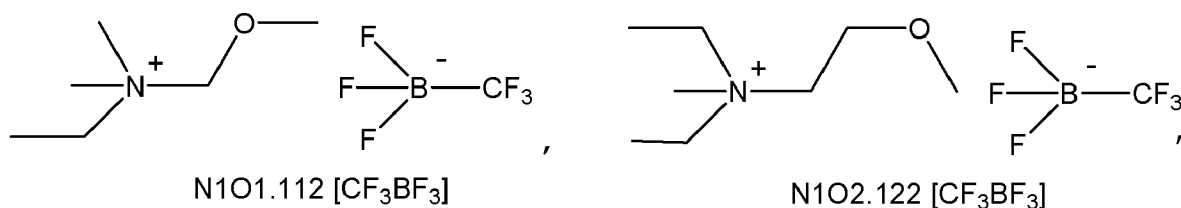


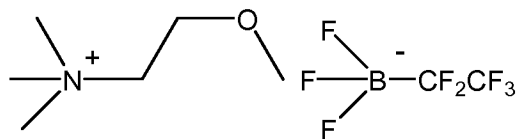
~~————— wherein R^1 to R^4 are the same or different, each representing an alkyl, fluoroalkyl, alkoxy, polyether, or alkoxyalkyl group, or R^1 and R^2 taken together with the nitrogen atom may form a pyrrolidine, piperidine, or morpholine ring; provided that R^1 to R^4 satisfy the conditions (i) through (iii) shown below:~~

~~————— (i) when R^1 and R^2 taken together with the nitrogen atom form a pyrrolidine, piperidine, or morpholine ring, either R^3 or R^4 is an alkyl group with 3 or more carbon atoms or alkoxyalkyl group;~~

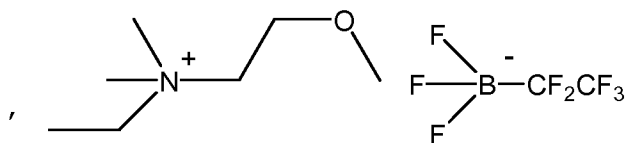
~~————— (ii) when R^1 and R^2 do not form a pyrrolidine, piperidine or morpholine ring, at least one of R^1 to R^4 is an alkoxy, polyether or alkoxyalkyl group; and~~

~~————— (iii) when R^1 to R^3 are the same or different, each being methyl or ethyl, R^4 is a C_{2-10} linear or branched alkyl group member selected from the group consisting of~~

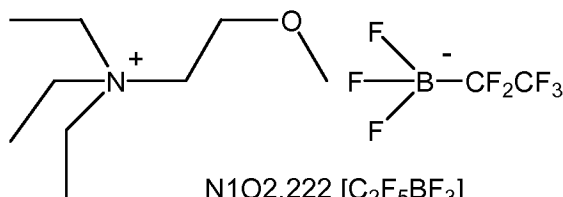




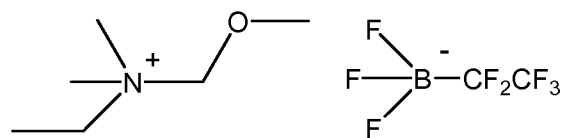
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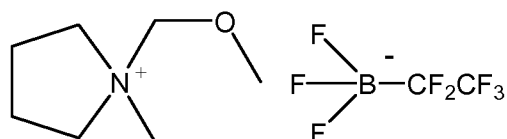
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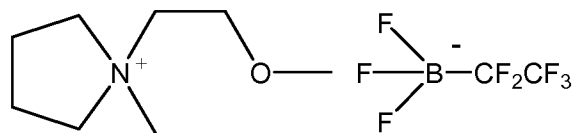
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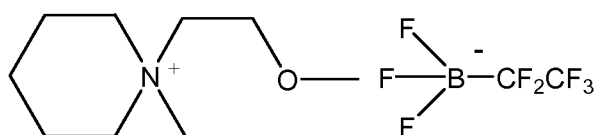
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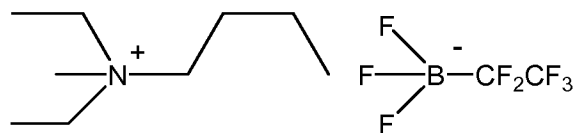
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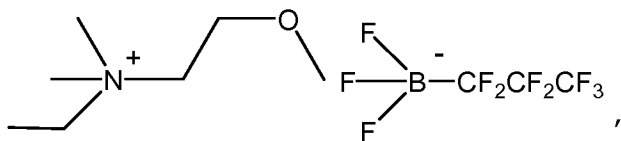
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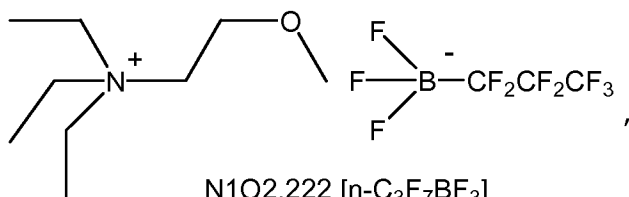
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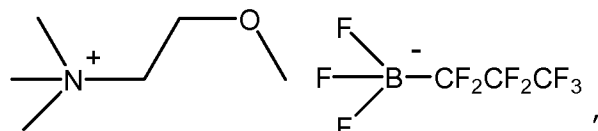
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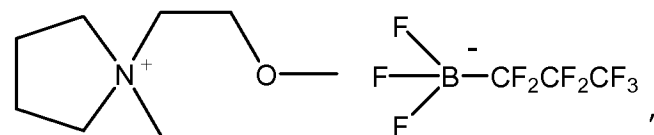
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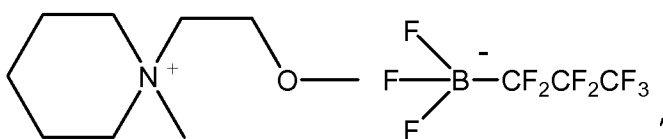
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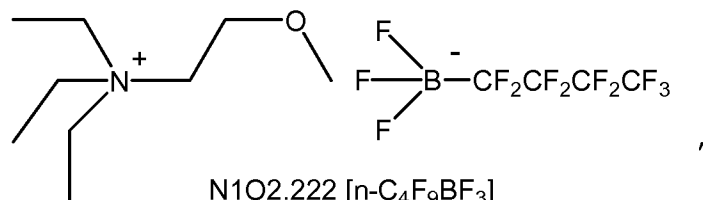
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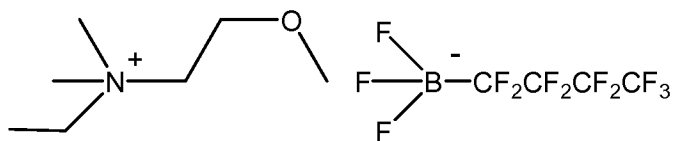
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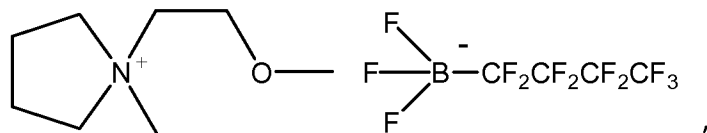
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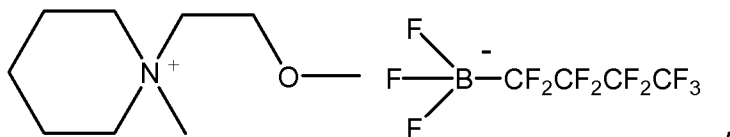
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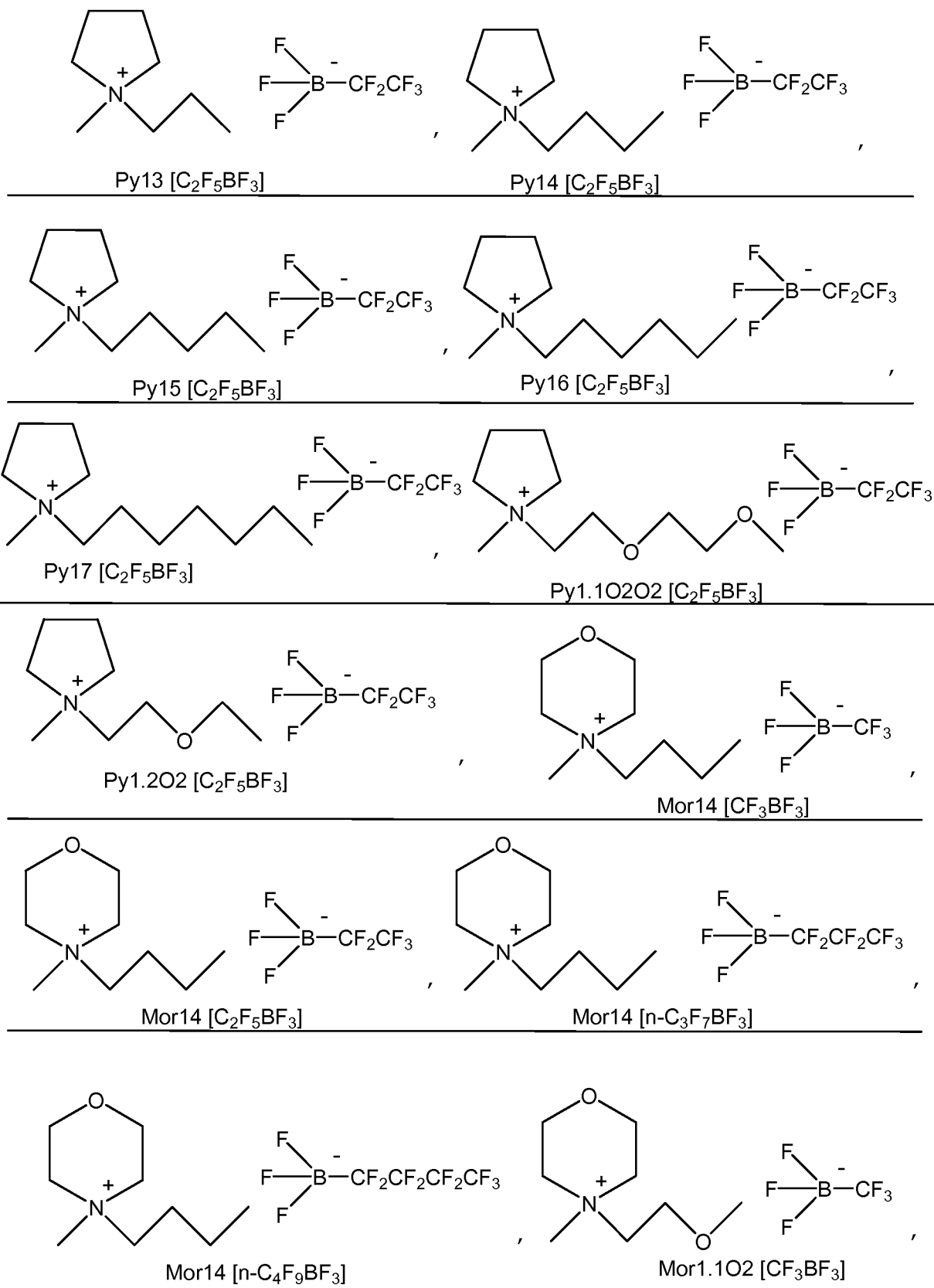
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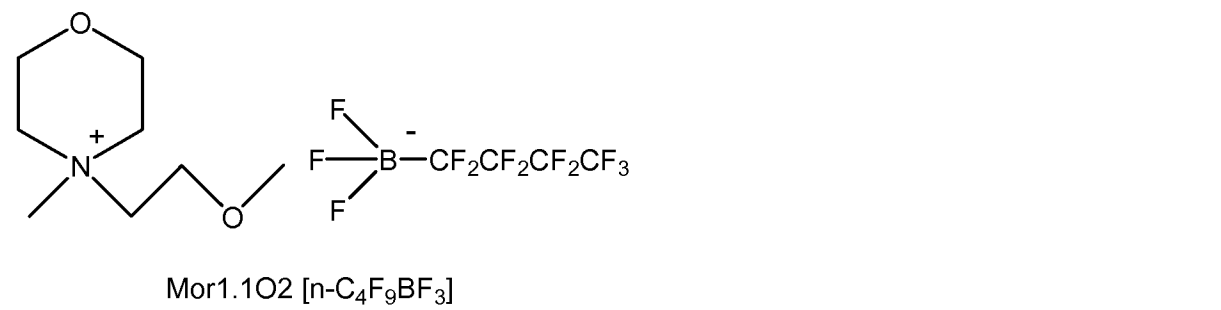
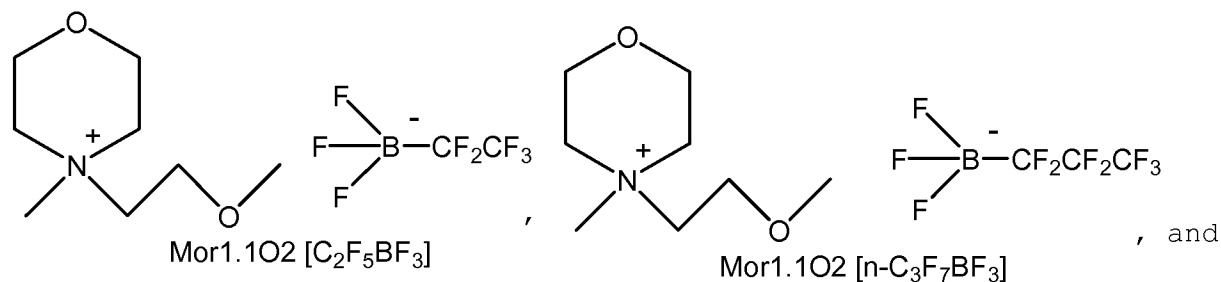


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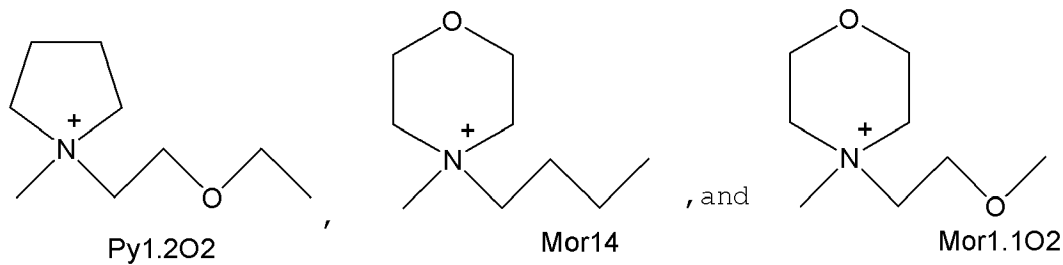
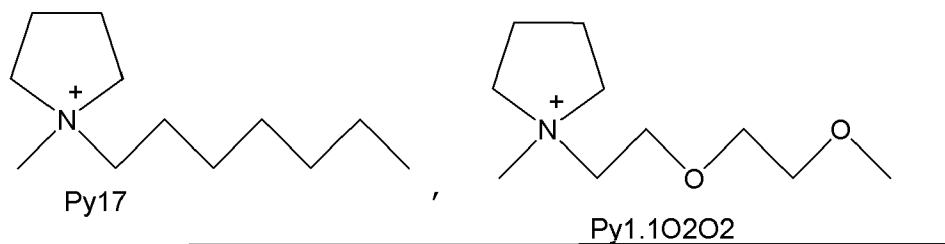
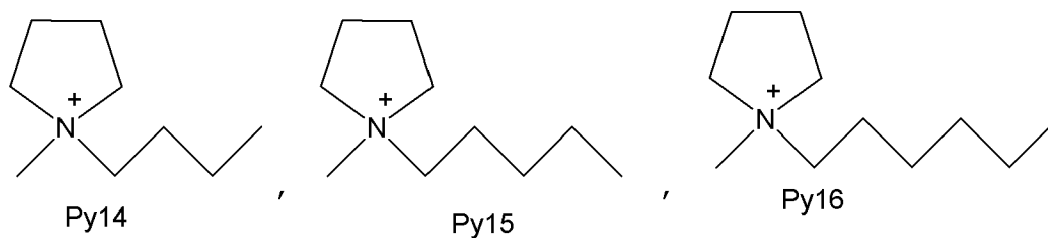
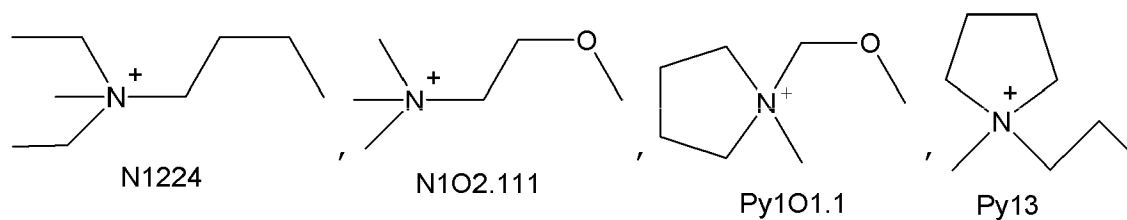
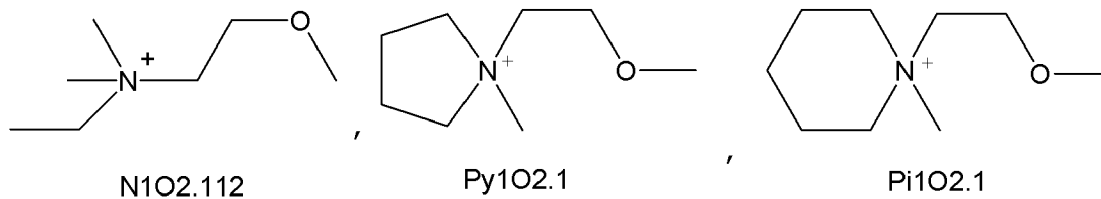
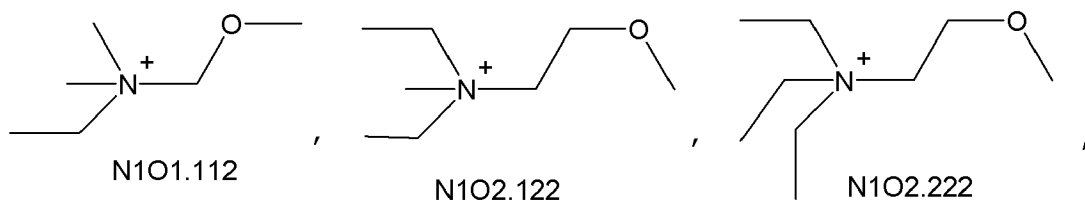


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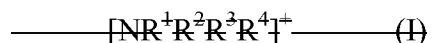
7. (Original) An electric double-layer capacitor comprising the ionic liquid according to claim 1.

8. (Original) A lithium battery comprising the ionic liquid according to claim 1.

9. (Currently Amended) A method of producing ~~an~~the ionic liquid according to claim 1 comprising mixing a compound containing as an anionic component at least one anion represented by [BF₃(C_nF_{2n+1})]⁻ wherein n represents 1, 2, 3 or 4 with a compound containing as a cationic component at least one organic ammonium ion selected from the group consisting of



~~represented by general formula (I):~~



~~wherein R¹ to R⁴ are the same or different, each representing an alkyl, fluoroalkyl, alkoxy, polyether, or alkoxyalkyl group, or R¹ and R² taken together with the nitrogen atom may form a pyrrolidine, piperidine, or morpholine ring; provided that R¹ to R⁴ satisfy the conditions (i) through (iii) shown below:~~

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